वनेतर भूमि को उपयोग में लाने का जो प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ था, उसे निर्धारित शर्तों को पूरा किए जाने पर मंजूरी दे दी गई है, ये शर्तें हैं–(1) वनेतर भूमि का राज्य वन विभाग को हस्तांतरण और दाखिल-खारिज, तथा (2) राज्य वन विभाग के पक्ष में वनेतर भूमि में वन भूमि के बराबर तथा अवक्रमित भूमि में वन भूमि के दुगुने क्षेत्र में क्षतिपूरक वनरोपण की लागत का हस्तांतरण।

(घ) राज्य सरकार से अपेक्षित सूचना प्राप्त होने पर वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के अन्तर्गत प्राप्त प्रस्तावों पर अन्तिम निर्णय लेने के लिए उनकी जांच शीघ्र की जाती है।

Marine pollution in the coast line of Tamil Nadu

597. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study was made about the marine pollution in the coast line of Tamil Nadu State and if so, what are the details thereof?

(b) whether it is a fact that the release of heated water generated from thermal and nuclear power plants effects the species and ressile, coral marine algae and sea grass;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a sharp decline in oxygen level in inland and coastal waters; and

(d) what steps have been taken to contain marine pollution in Tamil Nadu State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) A reconnaissance survey of the entire Tamil Nadu coast was carried out and the major point sources of pollution which includes industrial and municipal discharges were identified, the zoning and classification of the coastal waters has been carried out which includes recommendations for protecting the coastal water quality.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) (i) Point sources of pollution have been identified;

(ii) Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board secures compliance of standards by coastal waters along Tamil Nadu coast;

(iii) Wherever applicable, the industries/municipalities have been directed to construct marine outfalls with a diffuser system;

(iv) The Central Govenment has issued general instructions that no industry/factory should be given a consent to establish within 500 meters from shoreline.

Destruction of the farm land near Chitrapuzha in Kerala

598. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farm lands near Chitrapuzha in Irumbanam in Kerala are being destroyed due to pollution from FACT; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to prevent the destruction of the farm lands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Crop damage has been reported in the farm lands near Chitrapuzha in Irumbanam due to pollution of ground water caused by the disposal of solid waste at FACT. The industry has been directed to comply with the prescribed standards within a time-frame.

The Central Ground Water Board has taken up a study of the pollution of the ground water in the area.

Social forestry in Andhra Pradesh

599. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: what steps are being taken to encourage social forestry in Andhra Pradesh, what are the details thereof and what are the proposals for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): Social Forestry in Andhra Pradesh is being implemented through various State Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. However, impetus to the programme in the State was given by the Social Forestry Project implemented from 1983-84 to 31-3-91 at a total cost of Rs. 42.76 crores with assistance from the Canadian International Development Agency. (CIDA).

During the Seventh Five Year Plan period (1985—90), total coverage in the State under afforestation and tree planting activities, including Social Forestry, was 7.27 lakh hectares. For 1991-92 the target was 16 crores seedling distribution and area coverage of 30,000 hectares. The programme is expected to be enlarged during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Pollution of coastal water at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada

600. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coastal waters at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada in eastern coast are polluted; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Certain stretches of the coastal waters of Visakhapatnam and Kakinada have been found to be polluted because of discharge of untreated industrial effluent and sewage.

(b) (i) Point sources of pollution have been identified;

(ii) Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board secures compliance of standards by industries discharging their effluents into the coastal waters along Andhra coast;

(iii) Wherever applicable, the industries/municipalities have been directed to construct marine outfalls with a diffuser system;

(iv) The Central Government has issued general instructions that no industry/factory should be given a consent to establish "within 500 meters from the shore-line".

Smuggling of forest wealth in Tripura

601. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any direction was given to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) to investigate into the allegations of illegal smuggling of forests wealth in Tripura;

(b) if so, what was the result of that investigation;

(c) whether it is a fact that extensive smuggling of forest wealth in Tripura has taken place; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), North-Eastern Zone, was directed to investi-